PATENT APPLICATION

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For

LASER BONDING OF ANGIOPLASTY BALLOON CATHETERS

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENTS (PATS)

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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AMENDMENT

In response to the office action of September 24, 1992, please amend this application as follows:

In Claim 16, at line 15 (eighth line of p. 21), please delete "annular".

In Claim 16, at line 20 (thirteenth line of p. 21), please add the words -- proximal and -- after the word "the";

In Claim 20, at line 29, please add the word -- fusion -after the word "distal"; and

In Claim 22, at line 5 (first line of page 22), please delete "polyimides" and insert -- polyamides --.

Please add the following Claims:

1 26. A balloon catheter comprising:

an elongate pliable length of catheter tubing formed of a polymeric material and having a proximal end and a distal end;

a polymeric dilatation balloon mounted to the catheter tubing near the distal end and in surrounding relation to the catheter tubing, said balloon including a medial region, proximal and distal neck regions each substantially smaller in diameter than the medial region, and proximal and distal tapered regions between the medial region and the proximal and distal neck